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LOYOLA-SIR GEORGE RATED A TOSS-UP

After an eight month lull in one of the country's fiercest college hockey rivalries the two combatants Loyola Warriors and Sir George Williams Georgians resume their ice war Thursday night at 8:00 p.m.

The Warriors coasted along to Coupe de Quebec and OSL regular season titles last year with a record of 20-1-1 before being upset by a determined band of Sir George pucksters in the league playoffs and losing 4-2 forfeited their chance to compete in the CIAU national playoffs. Sir George went on to finish third in the nation. This year the Georgians have gotten off to another slow start compiling a 5-4 record to date. They will be facing a Loyola team that has only lost one game of their last 45 at home and since their loss to Toronto 7-4 in a non-conference contest the Warriors have romped through nine games undefeated. But the Georgians always come up with a big effort against the Warriors.

Loyola Coach Dave Draper summed it up this way, "Both teams will be up for this one. You can completely discount any former records".

Earlier in the year Draper was concerned with the inability of his players to score goals but since starting on a nine game winning string he is smiling. Heading the host of goal hungry Loyola Warriors is Mike Lowe, the veteran winger who had a good try-out with the NHL St. Louis Blues this year. Lowe who paced the Warriors to a 8-2 romp over Laurentian University of Sudbury this past weekend with a pair of goals has scored 22 times in 12 games.

"We finally found the net", said Draper. "And now we seem to have the balanced line we needed.

Captain Chris Hayes, who centres Lowe and Danny McCann is turning in a better year than anticipated and has turned the line into Loyola's best with his head's-up play.

The rookie line of Alain Tremblay, Pat McCool and Ron Riley has fitted into the pattern of Loyola lines - good checkers and hard workers. The key to the line is Riley who gets a lot of ice time playing the point on power plays, killing penalties and working a regular shift. The third line of John Hutton, Mike Thomassin and Bruce Wickham has been held off the score sheet during the past two outings and they are ready to break loose. Draper had nothing but praise for his Blue Line corps and Rocky Martin.

"But we have to reduce the little mistakes and not get so careless in clearing the puck", said Draper. "The little things hurt".

For this game only students will be charged admission and all pass holders will also be asked to donate. The proceeds of the game are being turned over by the Athletic Department to The Vazier Library Book Fund. A sell-out crowd of more than 2500 is expected to jam the Loyola complex - Seating will be on a first come basis.